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Docket No.: A-2528

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/658,712 Confirmation No. 4157
Applicant : Peter Heiler et al.
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Title : Roller for Printing Machines
Group Art Unit : 2854
Examiner : Marvin P. Crenshaw

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D E C L A R A T I O N under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

In order to assist in the prosecution of this application and the traversal of the rejection of the claims by the Examiner, I, Glenn A. Guaraldi, do hereby declare as follows:

I am a citizen of Kingston, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

I, Glenn A. Guaraldi, am a trained engineer specializing in design of printing equipment. I received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1975. Since that time, I have been employed as an engineer designing printing and post press equipment. My present title is Principal Engineer.

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I have read the specification and claims of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,712 and the Office action dated May 20, 2003, in which claims 1 to 16 were rejected as anticipated by and being obvious over United States Patent No. 5,027,705 to Guaraldi et al. (hereinafter "Guaraldi").

I am familiar with Guaraldi because I am the same "Guaraldi" who is the principal inventor in that patent.

Discussion:

I disagree with any characterization of the roller 20 of my patent (Guaraldi) as a ductor roller.

The term "ductor roller" is conventionally used as a characterization of a roller that periodically contacts another roller or rollers.

The roller 20 in Guaraldi does not periodically contact another roller. Rather, the roller 20 is in permanent engagement with two other rollers. One having ordinary skill in the art would know that the roller 20 is, therefore, not a ductor roller.

Guaraldi does not disclose or suggest a ductor roller.

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I have undertaken a thorough review of the specification and amended claims of the instant application and conclude that the invention of the instant application is neither disclosed by nor suggested by Guaraldi.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: October 10, 2003

Signed: Glenn A. Guaraldi

Printed Name: Glenn A. Guaraldi

State of New Hampshire, County of Stefford, ss.
On this the 10th day of Oct., (yr) 2003, before me,
Marianne Phillips, the undersigned officer,
personally appeared Glenn Guaraldi,
known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person
whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and
acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the
purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I
hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Marianne Phillips

MARIANNE PHILLIPS, Notary Public
My Commission Expires October 4, 2005

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